

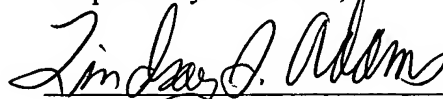
REMARKS

In the Advisory Action dated July 14, 2006, Applicants were advised that Applicants' showing of common ownership was insufficient to overcome the rejections based on U.S. Patent No.: 5,835,524 to Berger et al. Basically, Applicants were advised that a statement pursuant to §706.02(l)(1)(l) was missing from our previous response.

In view of this omission, Applicants hereby state that at the time the invention of the present application was made, U.S. Patent No.: 5,835,524 to Berger et al. and the invention of the present application was commonly owned or subject to an obligation of assignment to Voest-Alpine Industrieanlagenbau GmbH. As a result, U.S. Patent No.: 5,835,524 to Berger et al. is disqualified as a reference against the present application pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §103(c). Withdrawal of the rejections based on Berger et al. is respectfully requested.

Applicants do not believe that any additional fees are due except for the one (1) month extension of time. However, if any additional fees are due, please charge such sums to our Deposit Account 50-1145.

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